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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ATTILIO RUFFINI ON MAY 31, LATTER RAISED, AS MEANS OF IMPROVING OVERALL RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND U.S., NEED FOR REVISION OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE BETTER BALANCE IN "FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. INSTEAD OF REFERRING, IN THIS CONTEXT, TO NEED TO LIMIT EXERCISE OF FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS BY U.S. CARRIERS BETWEEN ITALY AND POINTS BEYOND (AS GOI NEGOTIATORS HAVE DONE IN RECENT CONSULTATIONS), MINISTER CITED LACK OF RIGHT FOR ALITALIA TO CARRY LOCAL OR CONNECTING TRAFFIC BETWEEN POINTS IN THE U.S.

2. MINISTER STATED THAT THIS KIND OF IMBALANCE IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS BASED ON CONCEPTS DEVELOPED IN IMMEDIATE POST-WAR PERIOD, HAD BECOME DIFFICULT TO HANDLE IN RECENT PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW OF CIVIL AIR POLICY. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH REVIEW PROCESS HAD BECOME ALMOST EXPLOSIVE, DISCONTENT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONTAINED.

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3. COMMENT. MINISTER AND PARLIAMENTARIANS EVIDENTLY EQUATE U.S. BEYOND RIGHTS WITH "INSIDE U.S." RIGHTS FOR ITALY (SINCE BOTH COUNTRIES DENY THE OTHER THE RIGHT TO CARRY LOCAL, CONNECTING OR STOPOVER TRAFFIC WITHIN THEIR OWN FRONTIERS). WHILE BOSTON-CHICAGO COTERMINAL RIGHTS FOR ALITALIA HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AT SAME TIME GOI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO FIND WAY TO PREDETERMINE CAPACITY

OFFERED, WE HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF OTHER INSTANCES OF EXPLICIT  
LINKING OF LOCAL TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN U.S. WITH U.S. FIFTH  
FREEDOM RIGHTS BEYOND ITALY. DESPITE MINISTER'S REMARK ABOUT  
ALMOST EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN PARLIAMENT ON CIVIL RIGHTS  
MATTERS, WE BELIEVE, ON BASIS OF STATEMENTS OF CIVIL AVIATION  
AND MFA OFFICIALS, THAT PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION REMAINED AND  
REMAINS WELL UNDER CONTROL.GARDNER

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